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In re: Hayashizaki et al. Confirmation No.: 9684
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For: METHOD OF DETECTING METASTASIZING CANCER
CELLS ORIGINATING IN STOMACH CANCER

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Sir:

The patents listed on the attached PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report of corresponding International Application No. PCT/JP2003/014075, along with a copy of any cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature documents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). A copy of the Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By identifying the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead identifying the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

The Examiner may wish to consider the notations on the Search Report itself regarding the relevance of each item. It is requested that the Examiner consider these references and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By submitting the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead submitting the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

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Respectfully submitted,

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